DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND IV—INDUSTRIES.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Indstries*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,59,644, under Demand IV—Industries.

Motion No. 89.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion:

To omit the allotment of Rs. 17,345 for salaries.

My object in moving this motion is to point out the utter futility of maintaining a number of officers called 'Experts.' The Department of Industries entertains an Industrial Chemist, a Tanning Expert, a Chemical Assistant, a Textile Expert and a State Geological Assistant. For the last fifteen or twenty years, these '*experts*' have been experimenting in their laboratories. The Director of Industries has been assuring us year after year that these experts have been doing useful work. But, from the Report of the Department we understand that, after eleven years of experiment, the Tanning Expert has been able to reduce the offensive smell of manufactured leather.

We also find from the Administration Report that the Textile Expert was able to visit 15 or 16 weaving schools. The Oil Expert was able to examine only some 20 or 25 samples. We pay decent salaries for these experts. We are disappointed by their labours. We want to industrialise our country. But the department and these experts are not giving any substantial help to the people for improving their industries.

Sir, Travancore is economically a poor country. Our standard of living is very low. The average income of a Travancorean, according to the latest census, is 2 annas per capita and we want food and other amenities of life. We cannot agree with the Census Commissioner in accepting the principle of birth control or the use of contraceptive methods. We want to improve our material conditions. We want to develop our natural resources and for that we want to start industries on large scales in our country. It is true that the present Director of Industries is trying his best to improve our cottage industries. But we want large scale production and for that, big factories should be started in Travancore. These experts are wasting our money. They have already exhausted our patience. We cannot but dispense with their services. We have been spending lots of money for these studious experts sitting in their laboratories and making experiments for eternity. We are not going to benefit from their experiments. Under these circumstances my considered opinion is that posts of experts must be abolished. In their places some experts with practical knowledge and skill must be imported from other countries.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. This is a motion for omiting the demand. Can we discuss

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qnestions of bringing in other experts or can we discuss any other question or the necessity of sending out the present experts. This is a motion for omitting the allotment and no token motion.

PRESIDENT: The member must confine his arguments to bringing out that these experts are not necessary.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): Sir, by the work of these experts we have not at all been able to develop our resources or improve our industries. So my submission is that these studious experts must be done away with. Government candidly admit in their proceedings annexed to the Administration Report that these experts are practically doing nothing. I will read a portion of the report.

> "The Government observe that there is no continuity in the investigations and experiments. Results should be pursued and the laying down of a definite programme of work is the only method to prevent laboratory work being conducted in a haphazard and aimless manner. The Industrial Engineer has mainly confined his attention to Boiler inspection. This was not the intention of Government when they created the post. The Tanning Expert in 1097 reported that it was possible for half a dozen up-to-date tanneries to be run with the hides and skins exported from the State annually in the raw condition. This expectation has not yet been fulfilled after the lapse of nearly 11 years....."

I understand from the statistics that more than 3 lakhs of hides and skins are exported from our country and the tanning branch of the department is working at a loss. They are still in their experimental stage. The Report says that for the last 11 years these experts have been experimenting but as yet they are not able to produce any finished products on a large scale. So these experts will not materially help us in the industiral regeneration of our country. Therefore I submit that these posts must be abolished.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): I rise to support the motion.

Mr. Easvara Pillai mentioned that in the Administration Report for 1107 it is stated that a number of experts was appointed and that various good things were going to be done. I was a member of the Council which came into existence in 1097. I am one of those who took deep interest in these questions. I moved a resolution that an enquiry should be made into the working of the Development Departments. It was necessary even then, and it is all the more necessary now. A good deal of money has been spent during the last 16 or 20 years in attempting to industrialise Travancore. But unfortunately, Sir, the results have been very poor indeed. At one time there was the Bee Expert, there was the Pencil Expert, the Screw pine factory, the Jaggery factory and a number of other factories. But in these factories it was only idleness that was manufactured. I know that the head officer of the Jaggery Factory was vegitating several years in a place called Kaviyur in the Thiruvalla taluk. At last the Government directed him to return. So that you will find that various institutions have been started, tried for a time, money spent on it and ultimately abolished. Does it not lie in the mouth of the tax-payer to ask what are the results? We have been hoping against hopes.

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Government have been inviting us to a happy valley in the future. But that valley discloses nothing but unhappiness, nothing but discomfiture, nothing but indisposition, and a policy of drift. Sir, there is no use in maintaining these departmental experts unless they contribute something to the comforts and convenience of our lives. I am sorry I am using strong language. But the language is absolutely justified by the circumstances. Therefore, Sir, it is absolutely necessary that a competent committee consisting of men who know things and who know the academic side of business should be appointed to enquire into the whole question. I have absolutely nothing to say against the present Director of Industries or anybody else.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I rise to a point of order. Can all these things be discussed on a motion for omiting an allotment for the experts?

PRESIDENT: He is trying to show that these experts are not necessary.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): The point of order being answered in my favour, I am glad to lend my support to the motion.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Does the member think that there will be no use served only by abolishing these experts?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): The offices may also be abolished if it is proved that they are of no good and there is considerable force in the arguments advanced by Mr. Easvara Pillai which has been warranted, at any rate, by my experience of these things. Therefore it is that I perfaced my remarks by saying that as a member of the old Legislative Council I have taken this very identical question and things are not better now.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Does the member think that Industrial Experts are unnecessary or only the present experts?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): I am not concerned with the question of personality. If the experts are maintained for some years and more and money spent and even after that they are not able to turn out any work and if the country is not benefited, I am for the abolition of these experts.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Does not the member know that there is the Economic Development Board to advise the experts in the matter of industry?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): I myself have been a member of that Board and I know very much about it. That is a body consisting of the officials and the non-officials.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Does the member think that it will not improve matters?

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MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : If the Travancore Government appoint the committee and command it will be useful.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : If an officer does not do his duty properly, is it not better to prevent that man rather than abolish the post ?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : I am not concerned with that.

PRESIDENT : I may make it perfectly clear that the intention of Mr. Easwara Pillai himself was that these posts are unnecessary and useless and it has nothing to do with personalities at all.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : As I said, as things stand at present, they are unnecessary and may be abolished.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapazha I*) : Sir, I agree with the mover of this motion as well as Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai in thinking that it is not necessary or desirable to continue the so-called experts who have come in for so much share of criticism. Some years ago, while I was in the previous Council, we used to make fun of these experts seeing that their labours were not yielding any tangible result. Then Government Benches used to support these experts with holding out hopes of prospective good results. Since then they were experimenting. But I am somewhat surprised to hear now that the period of experimenting is not yet over with them. The Oil Expert was oily enough to continue with the excuses of experimenting. The Hide Expert will probably play hide-and-seek with the tax-payers' money even now. Under such circumstances the question of their continuance arises very prominently.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : What about the Textile Expert ?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Probably he is spinning out excuses under the guise of experimenting.

Anyhow they have not passed the stage of experimenting. They take so much time to experiment.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Is there any Manure or Punnac Expert ?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Probably there are such people also. I am not aware of any. I may submit however that the period of incubation has been too protracted and in all conscience, I think the tax-payer has good reason to cry halt to them. As to whether the posts should be abolished or whether the present incumbents should be dispensed with, the question is no doubt an aspect of the matter. I have however to bring one aspect of the case to the notice of the House. First of all there should be a definite programme of work for these experts. We should find out whether there is scope for the particular experts to work before we ask them to work in any given line. Is there any guarantee that there is sufficient scope in the direction of say, oil or hides? That should be ascertained before you

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think of employing experts. If Government are prepared to assure the House that there is scope for them, by all means let us have some experts to develop the resources of the State. But if, on the other hand, Government themselves are not prepared to promise the House that there is scope for the development of industries in these directions, I cannot really understand the utility of continuing these experts at the tax-payer's cost. As it is, I fear there is nothing like a guarantee offered by the Government that the operations of these experts would yield any tangible results.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Does the member think that the attempt made by these experts has been a failure?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): So far it is not promising as matters stand at present.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Is it not the fact that all the world over at the initial stage we will have to wait patiently and even experts will commit a series of blunders before a product can be said to be a success and before we can catch a market for it?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): These are relative ideas which, on severance from observed facts, degenerate into platitudes. In the circumstances they do not deserve any serious consideration. The learned member refers to the initial stage. What is the initial stage? What period as the initial stage has to be endured? Such questions arise. I am in a position to say that the so-called initial stage has been in full play for many years and yet it bids fair to remain such for ever. For the time being I agree with the learned gentlemen who are in favour of the motion. If and when the Director of Industries is prepared to assure the House that some appreciable result would be achieved by these experts the amount may be restored.

I am making this statement with considerable trepidation. For, there is one danger in these abolishments. When we say that these experts may be dispensed with and their posts abolished, there is the risk of their being appointed to more responsible posts where they need not be experts at all. When we said yesterday that the Income Tax Inspectors' posts should be abolished I had my apprehensions whether they would not be appointed to more attractive posts. So it is not without misgivings that I seek to get rid of these minor experts. All the same I support the motion.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): സർ, ഇപ്പോൾ വ്യാവസായികമായ (experiment) പരീക്ഷണം നടത്തുന്ന ആളുകളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചും അവരുടെ പ്രവൃത്തിയെസംബന്ധിച്ചും ഇവിടെ സംസാരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള മറ്റു മാന്യമെമ്പർമാരുടെ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങളോടു ഞാൻ പൂർണ്ണമായി യോജിക്കുന്നു. പരീക്ഷണം നടത്തുന്ന ആളുകളും സന്യാസിമാരെ

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പോലെയോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ താപസന്മാരെപോലെയോ വിചാരിക്കപ്പെടേണ്ടതായിട്ടാണിരിക്കുന്നതു്; അതായതു താപസന്മാക്കു അവരുടെ സുദീർഘമായ തപസ്സിനുശേഷമാണു് ഫലസിദ്ധിയുണ്ടാകുന്നതു്. വ്യവസായഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ വിദഗ്ധന്മാരുടെ (experts) സ്ഥിതിയും അതുപോലെയായിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വ്യവസായഡയറക്ടരുടെ കാലത്തു ശോഭനമായ ഭാവി-വ്യവസായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനുണ്ടാകുമെന്നുള്ള പ്രതീക്ഷയോടുകൂടി ഈ പരീക്ഷകന്മാരുടെ പരീക്ഷണത്തിൻെറ സൽഫലത്തെ കാണിക്കാൻ കുറെക്കൂടി സാവകാശം കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണു് എൻെറ അഭിപ്രായം. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വ്യവസായഡയറക്ടരുടെ കാലത്തു വ്യാവസായികസംരംഭങ്ങൾ ക്രമപ്രവൃദ്ധമായി ഒരു ശോഭനമായ ഭാവിയിൽ പര്യവസാനിക്കുമെന്നു നമുക്കു വിശ്വസിക്കാൻ പല ന്യായങ്ങളുമുണ്ടു്. അതിനാൽ വിദഗ്ധന്മാരുടെ പ്രവൃത്തിഫലങ്ങൾ വിജയപ്രദമാക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കാമെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറുഭാഗത്തുനിന്നും പറയുന്നപക്ഷം അതിലേക്കു സാവകാശം കൊടുക്കത്തക്കവണ്ണം ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻവലിക്കണമെന്നു ഏതത് പ്രയോക്തൃവിനോടു ഞാൻ അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I oppose the motion of the mover so far as the abolition of the present experts employed in the Industrial Department is concerned. At the same time, I beg to point out to the authorities concerned that the Industrial Department at present is not alive to the needs and the necessity of the State as well as the people. Sir, I remember well the good advice of a learned man, the beneficent advice that was given to by one of the beneficient Ex-Dewans of Travancore, I mean, the late Mr. M. E. Watts, when he visited Travancore for the last time, *viz.*, that unless and until Travancore becomes an industrialised country within a period of 25 years, the condition of the people of Travancore will be hopeless and most deplorable. Sir, the Industrial Department could do much in order to promote not only the Industrialisation, but the economic prosperity of the State as a whole.

PRESIDENT: I do not think you are speaking on the motion before the House.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I am opposing the motion, Sir.

PRESIDENT: You must not speak generally. You must speak to the particular point whether these experts are useless and are unnecessary.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My impression is that they are useful. The experts ought to be financed properly by the Government so that they may continue their work and put their expert knowledge into practice in the interests of the people and build up industries and promote economic development. As matters stand now, Government also are not encouraging the experts to do their legitimate work.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Is he relevant, Sir?

PRESIDENT : You must keep to the point, Mr. Nair.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : So I draw the attention of the Director of Industries to see that new industries are started in the State and that experts are retained so that they may promote the industrial reconstruction of the State.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Sir, I regret I have to oppose this motion, though at the same time I am not at all satisfied with the working of the Industrial Department. The underlying principle of the present motion cannot be accepted because in the industrialisation of a country the question of experts is one of paramount importance. We cannot do without experts. All the same, the ordinary man in the street in Travancore is not at all satisfied with the pace at which the country is progressing industrially in these days of keen competition. From the budget estimate for the Industrial Department, I see only a pittance of Rs. 300 or Rs. 300 and odd provided for advertisement. As a matter of fact, a much more substantial amount ought to be spent for advertising and finding out a market for these products.

PRESIDENT : You are not relevant either.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Then I wish to add, Sir, that the concrete proposals of these experts have not been accepted by Government whole-heartedly and that substantial sums have not been donated. So, we have not yet tried these experts and found them wanting. Time should be given and the Government should take up the question seriously and not in a step-motherly fashion by doling out small sums here and there, but by taking up a proposal, examining it thoroughly and then allowing substantial sums to work it up even though in the initial stage it might cause some loss.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know what scheme was submitted to Government which was not sanctioned?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : I take it, Sir, that this motion is relevent in the broad aspect of the case, that more attention should be given to this industrial development as it is in its infancy and the Director of Industries should tackle the problem in all seriousness because it is high time that the industrialisation of this country is pushed on more vigorously. If we take things leisurely and in an indolent fashion, in the race of life and in the rapid industrialisation of the rest of India, we would be left in the background and we will not be in a position to keep pace with other States and Provinces.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I wish to add a few words in regard to this motion. I am sorry that because the motion is for omitting a total demand for experts, I cannot accept it as a whole. But no one can criticise the work of the present experts as a whole more definitely than what the Government themselves have stated in their

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report. They state about the various experts thus. With regard to the Industrial Chemist they say :

> "The Industrial Chemist and his Assistant carried out some investigation work for the Travancore Sugars, Ltd , the Water Works Department, the Excise Department and for private persons, analysed certain minerals and samples sent by private persons and rendered technical advice to industrialists. The Government observe that there is no continuity in the investigations and experiments. Results should be pursued, and the laying down of a definite programme of work is the only method to prevent laboratory work being conducted in a haphazard and aimless manner. The Industrial Engineer has mainly confined his attention to Boiler Insnection. This was not the intention of Government when they created the post. The Tanning Expert in 1097 reported that it was possible for half a dozen up-to-date tanneries to be run with the hides and skins exported from the State annually in the raw condition. This expectation has not yet been fulfilled after the lapse of nearly 11 years and the experiments with indigenous tanning materials, like *thambakam* bark, in the manufacture of leather have not led to very satisfactory results. The Director should devote his special attention to this branch, and, if need be, suggest radical changes in the working of this branch of his department. "

With regard to these experts, Government have expressed a definite opinion and every one who has got the interests of the Industrial Department and the country at heart will endorse that view. We cannot say that we are not in need of experts. We are in need of real experts and not so-called experts.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member what he means by ' the so-called experts ' ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I mean those people who are not really experts but who are called experts.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the criterion for deciding whether a person is a real expert or not ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Well, the real expert, as the language itself connotes, is one who is really an expert. I do not think these elementary matters should be further simplified. An expert in the real sense of the word will be useful if there is a demand for a particular branch of industry to be developed. In such a case an expert may be unavoidable and Government should find out particular industries which will have a possibility of being worked on a commercial basis and which will be really giving help to the country as a whole. On such industries Government should invest boldly large amounts, for real experts cannot be got for the pay that we are now giving to the so-called experts now in the Industrial Department. Sir, there is nothing stated anywhere that every department and every Government should have industries. There is no such rule. If you cannot afford to have industries, do not have them. But if and when a particular industry is found to be capable of being worked on a profitable basis and if there are possibilities in the country to work up that industry, by all means employ a man who is really capable of investigating that matter and of entering into the question seriously as a business proposition. Pay him heavily if that is necessary and it will pay back tenfold for the benefit

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of the country. So I say that the motion to omit the allotment of experts for all time, under all conditions and under any circumstance, cannot be accepted and it will not be to the best interests of the country. But whenever possible and whenever necessary and whenever feasible, experts ought to be appointed. These experts should be real experts and the money paid to them will be repaid tenfold.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the member supports the motion?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): That I oppose the motion would have been understood by the member if the member had followed me attentively. To make it clearer, I shall say that I oppose the motion on this ground. It is for the omission of the total grant for experts without any condition. That cannot be acceded to. I find that there are very many defects in the working of the experts in the department as it is at present. But I want that Government should provide for real experts whenever there is a necessity and whenever Government are convinced that there is a necessity to appoint experts.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the experts employed in the Industries Department are real experts or experts only in name?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Many of them are not real experts.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Has he any objection to do away with such experts?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I have no objection to do away with experts who are not able to do work. But on that ground the whole allotment should not be omitted.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Sir, the work of the experts consists in scientific investigation. I do not think it is their business to industrialise the country and afford comforts and convenience to the public. Their success or failure depends on the amount of knowledge they have been able to gain by scientific investigations. If any member wants to develop an industry or carry on an industrial concern on a large scale and if he fails to get the requisite advice from these experts, then he can say that the industrial experts have failed. So long as none of the members have given instances in which people seeking scientific advice have failed to get the necessary advice from the experts, we must allow them to go on.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it is necessary to have industrial experts before we have industrial concerns?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Certainly, we must have. Scientific knowledge requires no end of experimental work. Government should not grudge placing at their disposal any amount of money.

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MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I oppose the motion. The member for Commerce and Industry is expected to keep an eye on the Department of Industries. I must say that any amount of money spent upon research is not wasted. Research is the end of the department itself. What was recommended by the Royal Commission on Agriculture is the allotment of a very big sum of money for research work. The object of the department, as I take it, is mainly for departmental and research work and not for bringing about any tangible commercial results. Viewed from the standpoint of who an expert is, it is absolutely essential that we must have experts in every line of industry. When we appoint experts, we must see that they are real experts. After appointing them we cannot judge the results from a lay man's standpoint. They go on working experiments and we hope they will be doing the good that they are expected to do.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): How long have these experts been working?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I cannot say that a period can be fixed for their work. So long as industries are to remain in our country, we must have experts.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): As a result of the experiments carried on by the department, can the member point out any tangible result in which anything has been investigated?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Yes, I can point out. For instance the Darragh Spinning Mill at Quilon was suspended because there was no expert.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): The member has misunderstood my question. My question is whether the member can, from the appointment of these experts in the department, point out any industry in which any of the Government experts found out anything or carried on any successful investigations?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I have not come across any new discoveries made by them.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Can the member remember of anything to their credit?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Yes, they are working at it.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Nothing has been done so far.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): They are doing it.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): They have not yet come out with any results.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): They have found out mineral deposits, and cottage industries have been improved. All that is given in the Administration Report itself.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether it is the member's opinion that the supposed impetus given to the cottage industries is in any way related to the work of the experts?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I think so; that is my impression.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Can the member substantiate his impression?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): My view is that we are doing something in their presence. In their absence, nothing can be done. Whatever is achieved is due to their efforts.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Did not the cottage industries exist centuries before the institution of this department?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I find that some of the textile fabrics have been taken to outside places. That is due to the initiative taken by the department.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Does the member confuse experts with commercial agents?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I do not catch what the member says.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether the coir industry was one of the thriving industries in the State?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): It was.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Does the member think that the coir industry thrives because of the existence of any experts?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): He has nothing to do with the thriving of any industry or the loss of any industry. He helps an industry by research work. He concentrates his attention on a particular subject. Once we have appointed a man to a particular post, there is an end of the matter. For one thing an expert who has already been appointed is either an expert or is not. If he is an expert, then there is no need for any criticism whatsoever.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether an expert will become an expert because Government call him so?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): In Courts of Law we have got expert witnesses. One learned Judge was confronted with a difficulty. He had a brother who was an expert in Land Survey. Then the Judge was given a dinner by his brother who had earned much more than the Judge. In proposing the toast, the Judge said: "There are experts who are liars, there are experts who are d—d liars and there is my brother James who is in a class by himself." Government is the best appointing authority and they must know who are experts. I am not in a position to judge personally about their expert character.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is proper supervision and control of these experts?

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MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): For the benefit of my friend, I may say that I am one of the members whose particular province is industry. There is also another member from the north. I am expected to be in intimate touch with the Industries Department. So far as I know, I can give an answer in the affirmative to my friend. Therefore there is no good in criticising the expert character of anybody in the department. As a matter of fact, we cannot expect any commercial result from these experts. It is because we are helpless in that we have not been developing it on the commercial side, that we are getting angry with the experts.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): May I know whether tanning requires any expert knowledge?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): May I know whether any products are being brought into Travancore through the neighbouring countries?

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Yes. The duty of the experts is to be experimenting every moment.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Sir, though I am not for the wholesale murder of these experts, I can assure the House that we do not expect anything useful or tangible from them. Their history has been such that we are eminently justified in getting despaired of them. As has been pointed out on the last occasion when this subject was discussed, the late Director of happy memory has given a heritage to the department in his last Administration Report, where he has unmistakably proved that these experts did nothing and could do nothing. In regard to the operations of the Department, which mainly consists of these experts, the report says that it is not claimed that these experts had done anything tangible up to 1100. So he has summarised the activities of the experts up to 1100. Then he asks us to be on our guard not to look for anything substantial after 1100. Last year, when the present Director took charge of the administration of the department, he gave us clearly to understand that he was convinced of the utter uselessness of the experts and he promised that he would see that they were asked to do better work. We allowed the demand then on that assurance, although all of us knew that much could not be expected from the department. Now the Director is showing some tangible work, not through the experts, but in some other directions. That is why he has devoted too much attention upon his new schemes. At page 3 of the Administration Report for 1107, he gives us certain new schemes. Evidently after being convinced that the department was so far doing nothing, he has turned his attention to other directions. For the benefit of those who advocate the continuance of these experts, I may say that those new schemes have absolutely nothing to do with any activities connected with the experts. The report says much about the Sales Depots and the improvement of the cottage

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[Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai]

industries with which these experts have absolutely nothing to do. That is why I asked Mr. Chidambaram Pillai whether he could not see from the report that the Director himself does not expect anything substantial from these experts. I must certainly congratulate the Government for their very valuable remarks contained in the G. O. which runs in very clear terms. I have not come across any Government order which has done so much as this G. O. by way of endorsing the view of the public, on a very important department under them. Government have indicated in clear terms that they would not be satisfied with this branch of work if certain things are not got done through these experts. I hope that these instructions issued by Government will be borne in mind by the Director of Industries and he may be prepared to give only one year and not a day further for these experts to justify their existence. It is these so-called experts that consume a lot of money of the poor tax-payer. I suggested once that we would offer even *Satyagraha* in case the experts do not prove useful to the department they belong to and to the country which maintains them. In that case, they may not be able to move out of their houses and thereby we may get a small saving at least under Travelling Allowances. As a test, I suggest that the departmental experts be given an extension of life for one year and not more. On this clear understanding probably the House may oppose the motion now under consideration.

MR. N. E VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : സർ, വ്യവസായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നു പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായ ഉത്തരവു ഈ സഭയിലെ ഓരോ അംഗങ്ങൾക്കും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഞാൻ അതുവായിച്ചു നോക്കിയതിൽ നിന്നും മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നതു വ്യവസായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിന്മേൽ യാതൊരു തൃപ്തിയും ഗവണ്മെൻറിനുണ്ടായിട്ടില്ലെന്നും നേരെ മറിച്ചു അതൃപ്തിയാണുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നുമാണു്. വളരെ കാലമായി സാധുക്കളായ നികുതിദായകന്മാർ ആണ്ടുതോറും കൊടുക്കുന്ന ഒരു ലക്ഷത്തിൽപരം രൂപാ ദഹിപ്പിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു ഇങ്ങനെ തൃപ്തികരമല്ലാത്ത വിധത്തിൽ ജോലി നിർവഹിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കയായിരുന്നു എങ്കിൽ ഈ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ഇതിനുമുമ്പു തന്നെ ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഗാഢമായി ആലോചിക്കയും അതിലേക്കു ഒരു നിവാരണമാർഗ്ഗം കണ്ടുപിടിക്കയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതായിരുന്നു. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യാതെ ഇത്രയും കാലം ഗവണ്മെൻറുകഴിച്ചുകൂട്ടിയതു് ഒട്ടുംതന്നെ ആശാസ്യമല്ല.

സർ, എക്സ്പെർട്ട്(Expert) എന്നുപറയുന്നതിന്റെ ശരിയായ മലയാള പദംവിദഗ്ദ്ധൻഎന്നാണു് ഞാൻ ധരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. വിദഗ്ദ്ധൻ എന്നുപറഞ്ഞാൽ ആരാണു? ഒരുവിദഗ്ദ്ധനോഅല്ലെങ്കിൽ പലവിദഗ്ദ്ധന്മാരോ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന ഓരോ വ്യവസായങ്ങളും അഭിവൃദ്ധികരമാണെന്നു ബഹുജനങ്ങളെ

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മനസ്സിലാക്കികൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു ഇവർക്കു സാധിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഇവർ സാക്ഷാൽ വിദഗ്ദ്ധന്മാരാണോ? വ്യവസായ സംബന്ധമായ ഒരു തൊഴിലിൽ ഏർപ്പെട്ടാൽ അതിലുള്ള ന്യൂനതകളെയും പ്രയാസങ്ങളെയുംമനസ്സിലാക്കി അതുകളെപരിഹരിച്ചു ആ തൊഴിലിനെ നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്താൻ ശേഷിയുള്ളവരെ വേണംവിദഗ്ദ്ധന്മാരെന്നുപറയുവാൻ. എന്നാൽഅങ്ങിനെയുള്ള യാതൊരു പ്രയോജനവുമില്ലാതെ ഈവിദഗ്ദ്ധന്മാരെ ഇത്രയും കാലം വ്യവസായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു പരിപാലിച്ചുവന്നനയത്തെപ്പറ്റി അക്ഷേപിക്കാതെതരമില്ല. എന്നാൽ എന്റെ മാന്യസ്നേഹിതനായ മി. ഈശ്വരപിള്ള (കൊട്ടാരക്കരമെമ്പർ) ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തോടു യോജിക്കുന്നതിനു എനിക്കു നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. വ്യവസായത്തിൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂർ അഭിവൃദ്ധിപ്പെടേണ്ടതത്യാവശ്യമാണ്. അതിലേക്കായി ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറും ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട് ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ വന്നിട്ടുള്ള ന്യൂനതകളെ യോഗ്യനായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേധാവിയ്ക്കാകട്ടെ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ സഹായിക്കുന്ന ഈ വിദഗ്ദ്ധന്മാക്കാകട്ടെ പരിഹരിക്കാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്നുള്ളതു് ഏറ്റവും പരിതാപകരമായ ഒരു സംഗതിയാണു്. ഏതായാലും മി. ഇ. വി. കൃഷ്ണപിള്ള ഇവിടെ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതുപോലെ ഈ വിദഗ്ദ്ധന്മാക്കു പരീക്ഷണാർത്ഥമായികുറെ സമയം കൊടുക്കുന്നതിൽ വിരോധമില്ല. അങ്ങിനെ കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതുമാണ്. അതിനാൽ ഈ വിദഗ്ദ്ധന്മാരെഉടനെതന്നെ പിരിച്ചയക്കണമെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടു ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നില്ല.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): ഒരു ക്ലിപ്തകാലംഅതിലേക്കു നിശ്ചയിക്കേണ്ടേ?

MR. N E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഏതായാലും ഗവണ്മെൻറു അവരെ നിയമിച്ചു അവക്കായി കുറെ പണവും ചിലവു ചെയ്തുപോയി. അതിനാൽ അവരെ പെട്ടെന്നു പിരിച്ചു വിടുകയല്ല വേണ്ടതു്.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): ൪൫ വയസ്സു തികയുന്നതുവരെ അവരെവച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നശേഷം പറഞ്ഞു വിടാമെന്നാണൊ അഭിപ്രായം?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): അല്ല. കുറെ സമയംകൂടി അനുവദിക്കണമെന്നേയൊള്ളു.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): അതെത്രകാലമാണു?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഒന്നോ രണ്ടോ വർഷം മതി.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): ഇവർക്കു ശമ്പളം കൊടുത്തു വീട്ടിലിരുത്തിയാൽ ടി. എ. യെങ്കിലും ലാഭപ്പെടുകയില്ലേ?

MR. N E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഇവർക്കുശമ്പളം കൊടുത്തു വീട്ടിലിരുത്തണമെന്നു ഈ സഭമുമ്പാകെ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെടാൻ ഞാൻ തയ്യാറില്ല. ശമ്പളം കൊടുത്തു വീട്ടിലിരുത്തുകയാണെന്നു വന്നാൽ ഉടനെ അവരെ പിരിച്ചു വിടണമെന്നു ഞാൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടും .

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : ഈ ആക്ഷേപങ്ങളെല്ലാം ഇതിനു മുമ്പു പല സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിലും നിയമസഭയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഇൻഡസ്ട്രീയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനേപ്പറ്റി ഇതുയും കർശനമായി ആക്ഷേപിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സഭയിലെനടപടികളും ഞാൻ വായിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ബഹുജനങ്ങൾക്കു ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനോടു വലിയ അതൃപ്തിയുണ്ടെന്നു മനസിലാക്കിയതു ഈ സഭയിലെ ഇന്നത്തെ വാദപ്രതിവാദം മൂലമാണ്. ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ പ്രൊസീഡിങ്ങ്സ്കൊണ്ടു ഈ ആക്ഷേപങ്ങൾ ശരിയാണെന്നും തെളിയുന്നു.

MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) :അതൃപ്തി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനോടാണോ?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനോടാണ് ഗവണ്മെൻറു അതൃപ്തിപ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. അതായതു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൻെറനടപടികളും പ്രവൃത്തികളും ഗവണ്മെൻറു ആശിച്ചതുപോലെയല്ല എന്നുവ്യക്തമായിപറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതിനാൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേധാവിയും അദ്ദേഹത്തെ സഹായിക്കുന്ന മറ്റുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരും പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായം ഇന്നതരത്തിലിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം കൊണ്ടു മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഇനിമേൽ അവർ ശരിയായി പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചുകൊള്ളുമെന്നു തൽക്കാലം ആശ്വസിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ വോട്ടിനിടാൻ നിർബന്ധിക്കാതെ പിൻവലിക്കയാണു് വേണ്ടതു .

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേധാവി എന്നാണു് ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ചാർജെടുത്തതെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. N. E VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : കൃത്യമായ തീയതി എനിക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

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MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): I move that the question be now put.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that the question be now put.

The motion is carried.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The motion before the House is to omit the allotment of Rs. 17,345 for salaries of the Experts in the Industries Department. There has been so much of criticism about them. Unfortunately for my own part, when I joined the Department about 12 years ago, Government gave me the same name of expert (Textile Expert). That is not a name which I asked for. But these posts are generally known as Experts in other places in British India also. In fact, Travancore deputed four candidates for training to Europe for studying different subjects.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): When was that, please?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): About 16 years ago. They were got trained in different branches. For example, Mr. K. P. P. Menon was sent for training at Government cost and when he returned he was appointed in the Department of Industries as Industrial Engineer. He was doing some work in connection with a scheme for Electrical Engineering. He was also a touring officer at that time. To say that he did not do anything for the development of Industries is not proper.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is to abolish the experts. You must confine your remarks to the point in issue.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I was only pointing out to the House that Mr. Menon, the then Industrial Engineer, did prepare a constructive scheme for the introduction of electricity in Travancore.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): May I know whether Mr. K. P. P. Menon was ever called an expert? I think he was called Industrial Engineer.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Even now we have only two experts in the department, *viz.*, Textile and Tanning Experts.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand from the member, that he admits that others are not experts?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): It is only the name given by Government *viz.*, experts.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): So he is an expert in Engineering but not called an expert?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Do the other officers admit that they are not experts?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I say they are experts even now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Not only in name?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): From my experience of their work also they are experts.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I will be glad if they prove useful to the State from the industrial point of view by finding out methods for the development of industries. (*Laughter*).

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The work of the Textile Expert was characterised as useless. The learned members Messrs. P. K. Narayana Pillai and T. K. Velu Pillai spoke at length about the work of the Textile Expert and said that he did not do anything useful for Travancore. In fact when I joined the department about 12 years back, the weaving industry was in the initial stage of development, as there were only some pit-loom weaving centres in Central and South Travancore. Now on account of the introduction of fly-shuttle looms, weaving has spread to a great extent throughout the State. New designs and improved appliances were introduced only after the appointment of the Textile Expert. Unfortunately these two learned members were absent from the activities of the House for a very long time and consequently, I am afraid, they were not in touch with the activities of the department also.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): I said nothing about the Weaving Expert. I said that there are certain people who are called experts.

PRESIDENT: You are referring to all the experts in the Indutsries Department.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I am only trying to prove that the Textile Expert did contribute his best for the development of the textile industry. We now have in Travancore about 55 weaving schools. The weaving industry was not known in places like Tiruvalla. Now we have several weaving centres extending up to North Parur. We are doing propaganda work in that direction,

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Even without his influence, has there not been weaving in Travancore?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There was no improved method of weaving in Travancore until the appointment of the Textile Expert, who organised the Itinerant Weaving Parties.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the member adduce evidence to connect that the expert has done anything useful for improving weaving in the State?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): We have installed several improved machinery for purposes of demonstration and we have also installed some power looms in the Textile Section.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): ഇണിനെയ്യുന്ന ആവശ്യത്തിനു ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്ന് മെഷീൻസ് വരുത്തിയിട്ടില്ലേ?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ വകയ്ക്ക് വരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : അത് പൊവ്വർകൊണ്ടു പയോഗിക്കുന്നതോ കൈകൊണ്ടുപയോഗിക്കുന്നതോ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : രണ്ടുമുണ്ട്.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : പവ്വർ ഇപ്പോൾ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : ഇല്ല.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണതുപയോഗിക്കാത്തത്?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : ഇതുപോലെ കൌൺസിലിൽ ഡിമാൻഡുകൊണ്ടുവന്നാൽ അത് അനുവദിച്ചില്ലെങ്കിൽ പവ്വർ കിട്ടുകയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് അത് കിട്ടുന്നതുവരെ കാത്തിരിക്കയേ നിവൃത്തിയൊള്ളൂ.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : പവ്വർ ലും ഉപയോഗിക്കാൻ പരിചയമില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് അതു നടത്താതിരിക്കയാണോ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : നിശ്ചയമായും അങ്ങിനെയല്ല.

I submit, Sir, that there is real necessity for these experts. We are going to have the Hydro-Electric Scheme, the object of which is to industrialise the country. It is in the interest of the scheme that we must have industrialists and to start new industries and to consume the power generated. For the development of industries in the country, the promoters may require timely and proper advice and help of the Industries Department for training men to work in factories and industrial workshops. Therefore these experts are absolutely necessary to train pupils for the various industries.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Does the member imply that, if this motion is carried, the Pallivasal scheme would be dropped?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Not at all; I only explain how very necessary these posts of experts are, especially in view of the expected industrialisation of the country after the working of the Pallivasal scheme. For instance, Sir, a cotton mill is to be started at Alwaye and thousands of trained hands may be required. If the Textile Expert is not here to train young men of our country for work there, it is very likely that outsiders will be appointed there; and sons of the soil will lose the very good avenue for employment, especially in these days of unemployment.

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MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I ask whether the Director has not received requisitions, from the coir factories at Alleppey, for help and advice from the Textile Expert?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes, many a time; in fact, I was going to refer to that. About 8 or 9 years ago, when they had some difficulty in dyeing coir yarn and in some other matters, I actually went there and demonstrated the process to them. The Textile Expert is, therefore, necessary for the coir industry also, which is the main industry in Travancore.

In regard to the Tanning Section, Sir, last year, when I moved for the grant, Mr. Thanu Pillai, in withdrawing his motion, said:—

> "The Director says that he will be able to train some people and that there is scope for leather industry in Travancore. Relying on these statements and also on the earnestness with which he has pleaded here that he should be allowed to try the Tannery Section for at least one year more, so that he may be enabled to show better results, I am inclined not to press this motion."

He also suggested to have an instructional side to the Tannery. Unfortunately, I was not able to move for a supplementary grant for that, and, therefore, to start it.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether, after the lapse of one year, the remarks of the Government, about the achievements of the department do not endorse the opinion expressed by us on this side of the House?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I do not think it does.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I refer the member to page 1 of the Report of the department?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The Report for 1108 is not yet ready; my friend is referring to the Report for 1107, whereas my statement relates to the year 1108.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Has the Director anything better to tell us about the Tannery this year at least? There was a report that the Tannery was working at a loss.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I am going to explain that, Sir.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): May I know whether tanning cannot be started here on a factory scale?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLLI (*Director of Industries*): By all means.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): May I know the quantity of hides exported from Travancore every year?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): In 1106, 375,210 hides worth about Rs. 3,12,597, was exported from Travancore.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is that the figure.....

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have not yet answered Mr. Easwara Pillai,

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MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): May I know the quantity of the finished product imported into Travancore?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have not got the figures here now.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): What is the total quantity of leather consumed in Travancore?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have not got the figures; but a good quantity is required.

(*Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai and Mr. Pacode A. Narayana Pillai asked the following questions simultaneously.*)

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the expenditure on the Tannery last year?

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilanankod*): May I know whether, in big industrial concerns, experts are employed?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): They do.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Do the Government own any big industrial concerns?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Sir, in reply to my question, the Director of Industries is answering another member's question.

PRESIDENT: I think the fault lies with the members. They are rather quick in their questions. They do not give time, for the member in possession of the House, to answer.

The proper thing for you to do, Mr. Padmanabha Pillai, is to answer the questions in turn.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the expenditure on and the income from the Tannery, last year?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): In 1108, the expenditure was Rs. 3,697 and the income Rs. 5,889-23 chs. 4 c.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Does all that amount represent the commercial basis of the work done?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I will give the details, Sir. In fact the expenditure includes even petty construction and repair to the building, the office expenses, the cost of tanning materials, labour charges, the pay of the menials, etc.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I am asking about the receipts.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The amount is Rs. 5,889 and odd.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Does not the major portion of it represent the work done for the Government?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes, one of the chief objects of the department was to supply the required

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leather for the Stationery Department. In fact, in due course, we hope to be able to supply leather and manufactured articles to the public also.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was the Tanning Expert appointed with a view to do tanning on a commercial basis?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Not quite.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Am I to understand that the production of finished articles represents only a minor portion of the Expert's work?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Quite so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I have an idea of the amount of work of instruction and training done by the Expert?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): He was not able to do anything in that direction as he could not get the necessary allotment for that purpose.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Has he done any thing beyond the oft-repeated discovery of the use of the *Tambakam* bark?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Now he is using other tanning materials also.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Was it due to the Expert's experiments that he is now able to remove the bad odour of the leather produced by him?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): That is one of his achievements.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Has any profit been earned by the working of these departments?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): In matters like this, where experts have been appointed to impart instruction and to afford help and advice to industrialists, we cannot expect a return of even the whole of the amount that we spend on these experts. The country will be benefited by the work of the Tanning Expert only when private individuals start tanneries with the assistance of the expert.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): The member has not yet answered my question whether there is any profit.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There was.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): How much?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): About 2,000 rupees. I may just add that the pay of the Expert has not been included in this calculation. He is intended for helping the development of the industry in the State by research in tanning and propaganda.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): With regard to the statement in page 10 of the Report of the department that—

> "As a result of these trials, *Thambakam*, *Kulamaruthu*, the *Devi* and *Thanni* were found to contain a fairly large amount of tannin. Inquiries have been made regarding these materials as to the quantity available in Travancore, approximate cost of collection and other details which are necessary to see whether they can be profitably used for the manufacture of leather".

May I ask whether this idea has not been repeated *ad nauseum* from the very date of the appointment of the Tanning Expert? We will be satisfied if the Director can assure us, Sir, that his Tanning Expert has advanced a single step forward beyond this statement which is being made in the Report of the department year after year.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I may inform the member, Sir, that, last year, only Travancore tanning materials were used.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): My question was entirely different; I am afraid the member has not got my point. I asked whether the Tanning Expert has been able to advance one step beyond the statement being repeated year after year in the Report of the department.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Formerly he was experimenting with local tanning materials; now he is actually using them with success.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Was he not doing it even in 1106 and before?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): No; he was importing *Avaram* bark and other tanning materials from outside.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Am I to understand that *Thambakam* bark was not used before 1108?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): He might have used it for trial; but he was importing materials from outside.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I want to know whether he has actually discovered anything new; there is not much in saying, in a negative way, that he is not now importing tanning materials from outside.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): It was only recently that it has been actually established, by trial and experiments, that Thambakam can be used, for tanning on a commercial scale.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Has it been proved now that *Thambakam* can be used on a commercial scale?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes, and we have tanned last year about five thousand and odd rupees worth of leather with *Thambakam* bark.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*); May I know whether Travancore has got all facilities for tanning?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): On a large scale?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes on a large scale.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether there is necessity for two officers in that department?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Even more if I can get. Now we have got only two and so we make use of them only. I am thinking of improving the tannery.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know why teaching section was not opened during 1108?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There was only one session of the Council last year. Then the proposal was not brought forward. I am bringing the proposal now and if it is sanctioned it will be started in 1109.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): പ്രത്യേകം ഒരു തൊഴിലാക്കണമെന്നു് പറയുന്നതിനു് എത്രകൊല്ലംവേണം?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): അതുറിസർച്ചാണു്. അതിനു ഇത്രകാലംമതിയെന്നു തീർച്ചപറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല. ചില റിസർച്ചു്വർക്കിനായിട്ടു ഒരു പക്ഷേ ഒരു life-time മുഴുവനുംതന്നെ വേണ്ടിവന്നേയ്ക്കാം.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Then a word about the Industrial Chemist. He was doing a good deal of research work. When the Travancore Sugars Ltd., was revived recently he was doing all the required analysis work, as a result of which we were able to restart the work of the company last year. Besides this, he was analysing very many substances, both for the Excise Department and the Water Works Department. He has to submit his report and expert opinion on various other matters as well. These are the works attended to by the Industrial Chemist and staff under him and for this, highly qualified men like him are necessary. Above all, other chemical industrial problems have to be tackled by him. He has to find the real commercial values of various articles, by analysis and research and the present Industrial Chemist is well qualified for the place.

Then a word about the Industrial Engineer and Chief Boiler Inspector. Even the Boiler Regulation provides for the appointment of two officers as the boilers have to be inspected periodically and regularly. So we cannot do away with the appointment of the Industrial Engineer and Chief Boiler Inspector.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is possibility of mica industry in the State?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): It is being ascertained and the member himself came to know about that because some mica was taken out this year from his own constituency (Vamanapuram). It shows that there is real scope for that industry in the State.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know whether it would not be better to import real experts for these particular purposes and ask them to submit a report before they are asked to work it out? What is the use of their simply passing examinations without practical experience?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): All of them have got practical experience.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): All learned members who opposed the motion are at one with me in my opinion that these experts are practically doing nothing. My object in moving this motion is to impress upon the Government that these so-called experts or Diploma holders are not doing their duties properly. Therefore I want to bring to the notice of this House the utter futility of maintaing these officers. I do not believe that these experts, with their limited practical knowledge will contribute anything to improve our economic condition. Some of my friends were emphasising the fact that they will do something substantial in future. For the last 15 or 20 years, they are in their pupa stage. They never come out with any practical suggestions; in future also they will remain in the same condition. Anyhow people have already lost faith in their ability to work up anything in a tangible form. So unless and until we import some eminent foreign experts, who are possessing practical knowledge and sufficient experience and capacity, we will not be able to improve our industrial condition.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): How will we find out experts?

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): There are very many ways—by advertisements and enquiry.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): But how to test the knowledge of experts?

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): There are experts who are dealing with practical problems. Large scale factories are run by experts and they make demonstration in their laboratories.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Who should import these experts?

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): Government must import.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Urban*): Either permanently or temporarily?

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): For a short time only. They must be brought in and after our people obtain necessary training in particular industries, we can dispense with their services.

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MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : അവരെ പിരിച്ചുവിടണമെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായവും പുറമെനിന്നും എക്സ്പെർട്ട്സിനെ വരുത്തി ഇവക്ക് വേണ്ട പരിശീലനം നൽകണമെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായവും തമ്മിൽ യോജിക്കുന്നില്ലല്ലോ?

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*) : വേറെ എക്സ്പെർട്ട്സിനെവരുത്തി പ്രായോഗികമായ വശങ്ങൾ അവക്കു പറഞ്ഞുകൊടുത്തു അവരെ നന്നാക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ പറയുന്നത്.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai, the learned Director, has assured this House that he will take particular care in improving our industries. But I am not at all satisfied with his remarks that the Textile Expert and the Tanning Expert have done something substantial in this direction. In fact they have not done anything practical. But I rely upon the assurance given by the Director of Industries and I beg to withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The following motions lapsed on account of the time limit.

MR. K. SANKARAN :

90. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 17,345 for salaries by Rs. 100.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

91. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,403 for Office Establishment by Rs. 900.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :

92. To omit the allotment of Rs. 8,971 for Sri Mulam Technical School.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI :

93. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 8,971 for Sri Mulam Technical School by Re. 1.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :

94. To omit the allotment of Rs. 6,493 for S. M. R. V. Technical Institutes—
(i) Weaving Institute.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH :

95. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 74,457 for Industrial Education by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

96. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,004 for Experimental Tannery by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

97. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,124 for Industrial Development by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

98. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,124 for Industrial Development by Re. 1.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH :

99. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,124 for Industrial Development by Rs. 3.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :

100. To omit the allotment of Rs. 4,879 for Sales Depot—Trivandrum Depot.

MR. M. N. NAIR :

101. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,610 for Sales Depot and Minor Industries by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

102. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,610 for Sales Depot and Minor Industries by Rs. 11.

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MR. T. K. ALEXANDER :

103. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,59,644 under Demand IV by Re. 1.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI :

104. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,59,644 under Demand IV by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

105. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,59,644 under Demand IV by Re. 1.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :

106. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,59,644 under Demand IV by Rs. 10.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

107. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,59,644 under Demand IV by Rs. 1,59,643.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :

108. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,59,644 under Demand IV by Rs. 17,345.

The Demand was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The Demand was granted.

The House adjourned for lunch at 1-25 P. M.

DEMAND V.—EDUCATION.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 45,77,707 under Demand V—Education.

Motion No. 109.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Sir, I beg to move that the allotment of Rs. 3,518 for the Personal Assistant be reduced by Re. 1. My object in making this motion is to draw the attention of Government to the desirability of not continuing a particular Headmaster as the Personal Assistant to the Director for an unduly long period. I find many objections to that practice. In the first place, it is a Headmaster that is appointed as a Personal Assistant. If he is taken out of his regular work as Headmaster, he continues to have no touch with the teaching work and school supervision for a long time and the natural result would be that he would be less efficient as a Headmaster when he goes back to the school. Secondly, this place may be availed of as a training ground to enable Headmasters, who are prospective Inspectors, to come into closer touch with the actual working of the department and of the several institutions under the Director with which he will have to deal when he becomes an Inspector. There is again the fact that it often happens that the Director is an outsider and a Personal Assistant who is allowed to continue for an unduly long period contracts affinities with the officers of the department which are not always viewed with favour by the department as a whole. On these grounds I would suggest that an officer is not allowed to continue as Personal Assistant for, say, more than a couple of years. That is my object in making this motion.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether the Personal Assistant to the Director was a Headmaster?

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